



**MINISTER
OF MUNICIPAL RELATIONS**

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His Worship Brian Bowman
Mayor
City of Winnipeg
510 Main Street
Winnipeg MB R3B 1B9

Dear Mayor Bowman:

I am pleased to confirm that the City of Winnipeg received \$37.9 million in provincial funding for roads at the beginning of this month. This planned 2018/19 payment, which is Manitoba's first contribution under the Accelerated Regional Roads (ARSR) program, is sufficient to fund almost all of the City's projected 2019 ARSR work during the upcoming construction season. It enables the deferral or repurposing of almost all of the City's own projected spending; and it allows the City to defer and save the currently projected 2019 federal funding for ARSR.

Between this recent provincial ARSR payment and our confirmed 2019/20 capital commitments, the City of Winnipeg is receiving as much as \$148.5 million in road funding from our government (up to \$49.9 million in ARSR funding, plus \$98.6 million for the ongoing BRT 2 and Waverley Underpass projects). The \$49.9 million in fresh funding is fully available for the upcoming 2019 construction season.

In addition, I was pleased to see that the City is about to receive more than \$40 million in unconditional federal gas tax revenues, which can also be used this calendar year on the City of Winnipeg's top priority, roads.

I look forward to resuming the cooperative work expected of us by the Manitobans we jointly serve. As part of that collaboration, our government would be pleased to assist you, your staff and members of your administration with efforts to find efficiencies and budget savings. Longer term joint capital planning needs continue, and there are also other areas where we could undertake shared efforts to benefit tax payers. My office will reach out to you shortly to arrange our next meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a horizontal line that extends to the right.

Honourable Jeff Wharton
Minister of Municipal Relations

- c. The Honourable Brian Pallister, Premier of Manitoba
Honourable Scott Fielding, Minister of Finance
All City Councillors